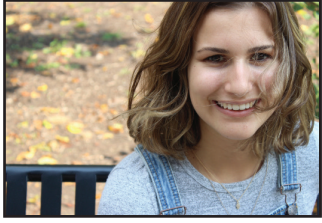


# Though abrasive, Donald Trump speaks voters' minds



by Carly Travis

Is Donald Trump's ideology off center?

I say maybe not. The rather narcissistic GOP candidate tends to spit misogynistic comments left and right and I'm not necessarily prepared to agree with those ones specifically. Nonetheless, I'd like to explore a modified explanation as to why Trump may not be so bad.

The polls are in and the republicans seem to have become a little less, well, republican. What I mean by that is they want an outsider; a Donald Trump type should suit the bill.

"What is an 'outsider?'" you ask in bewilderment. It's not someone who was allegedly born in

Kenya then maybe Indonesia, but rather a candidate who doesn't stick to the political status quo.

What separates Donald Trump from a typical presidential candidate and makes him an outsider is that he says what the general public is thinking and he says it in a very brash way. I don't know if that's a fault; I kind of like it. Trump has the liberty of being so direct because he's not beholden to PAC money: he's a billionaire!

In an article written in The New York Times during the latter part of the summer by my favorite right-wing player David Brooks, Donald Trump is described as someone who has come into the race at the right time. This is because it appears the public wants something different within the political arena.

The ex-Apprentice host (whose role is now being filled by none other than our favorite ex-politico Arnold Schwarzenegger) has reintroduced the controversy of illegal immigration, something that Obama failed to address during

his presidency. His proposition includes constructing a wall along the Mexican-American border and inviting all those who have overstayed their Visa's to return to their motherland.

Oftentimes when we here the spray-tanned, yellow-hair entrepreneur speak, his ideas are sinking under words like "rapists" and "drug dealers" and "sodomized."

Trump's plan to build a wall isn't bad, just poorly articulated. That's where the others candidates come in. It appears that Trump's counterparts are riding on his coat tails. They listen to what he advocates because, let's face it, he's winning at the polls.

For example, candidate Jeb Bush has taken the opportunity to use Trump's foundation and make it his own. He would rather see those who are already here illegally earn their citizenship, proving they're unworthy of Trump's knife.

Trump needs the surrounding contenders to clean up his ideas and pave the way for a better future. We shouldn't deport all illegal immigrants because "we are losing our economy to Mexicans," as Trump puts it, but instead rely on the American foundation that you can make it here.

We've all heard of the American Dream and many illegal immigrants come to the U.S. with that in mind. By allowing strivers to stay, supplying jobs, licenses, insurance, and most importantly paying taxes, we're giving them a chance to pay the country back, just like everyone else.

Whether or not Donald Trump becomes our next Commander in Chief has yet to be determined, however, it's becoming apparent that Mr. Trump's adversaries are taking notice of his not so bizarre ideas and spinning them as their own. His ego is entertainment and is curiously shaping the way the candidates think about current events.



Donald Trump's outspoken style has him leading in the polls | AP Images

## Staff Editorial We don't mess around with school pride

As homecoming week approaches, school spirit is on everyone's mind. Pep Club organizes dress up days and raffles. There's the homecoming football game against Waukegan and the next night, the Candyland themed Homecoming Dance. But the question is, does New Trier really have school spirit?

We have plenty of school pride, that's for sure. All the students are proud to be from New Trier, to be from "that school" that everyone else hates yet also wants to be a part of. We pride ourselves in our North Shore problems, in our two campuses, our huge population, our unusual test scores, our lack of parking spaces, our white gowns and tuxes for graduation, and everything else that makes us unique. We will stick up for New Trier when kids from other schools trash us, and then we trash our school among our classmates.

But when it comes to school spirit, do we all participate because we love New Trier so much, or is it more out of peer pressure? During Spirit Week, do we always wear our red, white, and blue or wacky outfits because of our excessive spirit, or because we don't want to feel like the odd one out? Our cult-like Green Team wears their sweatshirts on Fridays and teams wear Hawaiian shirts on game days. But in past years for spirit week, it seems like everyone has worn minimal amounts of spirited clothing: enough to participate but not enough to stand out. Some complain that themes aren't accommodating or that they don't know what the right costume would be. Most don't even realize it's spirit week. Overall, most people just don't care enough to truly go all-out, and they don't want to show up at school to discover that no one else is participating.

The one day that draws the most participation is the school spirit theme on Friday, where everyone wears their class colors. Most kids come clad in green, blue, or gray for the homecoming football game, but unlike other schools, there aren't streamers, face paint, crazy socks, or anything else that goes above and beyond.

While New Trier's history with spirit week hasn't been stellar, it is always the most school spirit that we see during the year. Though Fridays are meant to be "blue and green days," people don't abide by that. The seniors wear their Green Team sweatshirts on Fridays, but the other grades don't come in New Trier attire, and seniors wear normal clothing under their sweatshirts for when they inevitably become warm. So, the semi-participation with spirit week is the largest show of solidarity among New Trier students during the year.

Even our school spirit towards sports teams is selective. Only a few teams have a strong audience base- football, soccer, lacrosse, hockey. Other than those, the average game, match, or meet doesn't draw a huge crowd of fellow classmates, except maybe some good friends there to cheer them on.

On the other hand, the first home football game drew a larger crowd than ever expected, so much that there are now strict regulations for entry and exit from the student section. This year's Green Team has been regulated by the school, and now has tons of participation from the senior class. During spirit week, there are some who really go all-out, though it's not the norm.

So while our school spirit may not be totally up to par, we more than make up for it with our excessive school pride. But this spirit week, dress up and show how proud you are to be from New Trier.

# Don't get run over by the bandwagon



by Camille Baer

You may not know this, but right now you may be bullied. Yes, following trends can be very similar to the classic school bully we all know too well. This phenomenon has a scientific name (not really), and it's called the Bandwagon Effect. It's the looming pressure to abide by all the current trends that

circulate throughout the fashion, music, technology, and even news worlds. Aka, the bully you probably never realized existed until now.

There's no way to escape this bully of shiny new iPhones and shopping bags; he (or she, I don't gender discriminate) wants your "lunch" money, and he wants it now. Probably for the rest of your life too, because I hate to admit it, trends will never disappear.

Trends are a very American ideal. Americans tend to crave the same kind of attention that famous people have; fashion magazines always have sections featuring stars wearing clothing that the readers ask for. They always write corny things

like, "You asked, we delivered!" We're always looking for our new niche so that people around us will praise our great style and want to follow in our same footsteps. Honestly, we're just trying to keep the bully at bay.

But trends aren't always fashion related, like that ridiculous animal hat that doubled as a scarf you just "had to have." They don't have to be a \$400 watch either. News stories can also be very on trend.

Last year the Polar Plunge became unsettlingly popular. People will be drawn to whatever trend is most popular, regardless of their own beliefs. Initially, the polar plunge was a fun way to raise money for

the "plunging" person's choice of charity. Great idea, right? Wrong.

Somehow this fad transformed into a media sensation of taking videos of you jumping into the frozen tundra (or bone-chillingly cold lake), and then requiring the people you pegged as the next victim that if they didn't do it, they would owe you Starbucks every morning for two weeks or chipotle gift card. However, it wasn't really about these unoriginal incentives that made people want to jump into the lake.

When I was called upon to perform this horrendous task, I was terrified because even though every part of me was screaming, "please don't make me do this," I felt an

intense pressure that if I didn't, I would be offending my peers who had already completed the task.

Another fad that blew up this year was the juice cleanse. Doing a juice cleanse appears to be a positive idea in theory, but in reality it's not necessary to starve yourself for three days, with the exception of veggies and vitamins. (Unless you've spent the past week indulging on fried fast food and are in dire need of a thorough cleanse).

But take heart, every industry is like a revolving door: the minute a trend comes in, another goes out.

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